

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Kindly replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-9, as labeled, with the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a method of connecting sterile environments, to apparatus and enclosures for use in the method and, in particular, to an enclosed operating environment to which external sterile enclosures or the like may be attached.

2. Discussion of the Prior Art

Page 2, between lines 2 and 3, kindly insert the centered heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 12, between lines 6 and 7, kindly insert the centered heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 12, between lines 31 and 32, kindly insert the centered heading:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Kindly replace the Abstract with the attached replacement Abstract.